

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

P. POE 5, and P. POEs 2 through 4 and 6 through 75, individually and on behalf of others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

V.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, a Washington public corporation; PERRY TAPPER, Director of Public Records and Open Public Meetings at the University of Washington, in their official capacity,

Defendants.

and

PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL
TREATMENT OF ANIMALS, INC., a
Virginia nonstock corporation, and
NORTHWEST ANIMAL RIGHTS
NETWORK, a Washington nonprofit
corporation.

Intervenor-Defendants.

No. 2:24-CV-00170-JHC

ORDER EXTENDING TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on a motion by Plaintiffs for an order extending the Temporary Restraining Order granted by this Court on January 21, 2025 (Dkt #57). Dkt. # 77. The January 21 order states the TRO will “not extend beyond March 28, 2025, without further

1 order of the Court.” Plaintiffs’ motion to extend the Temporary Restraining Order is unopposed
 2 by Defendants and Intervenor-Defendants.

3 The Court, having considered Plaintiffs’ Motion, all materials filed in support thereof, any
 4 materials filed in opposition, and the pleadings and papers of record in this matter, hereby FINDS
 5 as follows:

6 Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(b)(2), before a TRO expires, “the court, for good cause,” may
 7 extend it. “The reasons for an extension must be entered in the record.” *Id.*

8 In issuing the TRO, which was unopposed by Defendants and Intervenor-Defendants, the
 9 Court found that Plaintiffs satisfied the *Winter* factors. January 21 Order (Dkt #57), at 4-7. The
 10 expiration of the TRO, prior to this Court deciding Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary Injunction,
 11 would allow Plaintiffs to be irreparably harmed through the release of the challenged records
 12 before this Court reaches a substantive decision on a preliminary injunction. Accordingly, and
 13 considering the non-opposition of the Defendants and Intervenor-Defendants, the Court finds
 14 good cause for the extension of the TRO.

15 The Court therefore ORDERS that Plaintiffs’ Motion to Extend the Temporary
 16 Restraining Order is GRANTED. Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(b)(2), the Temporary Restraining
 17 Order shall remain in effect until April 11, 2025, or until this Court issues a decision on
 18 Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary Injunction, whichever is sooner.

20 DATED this 17th day of March, 2025.

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 23 John H. Chun
 24 United States District Judge